



January 28, 2013

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 11-42

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Respectfully submits the attached certifications pursuant to 47 CFR §54.416 (b) and 54.410 (d) as required by the FCC's Lifeline Reform Order. The filing has been electronically in accordance with the Commission's Public Notice DA 12-1626.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Wheeler".

Michelle Wheeler
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Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
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Missoula, MT 59808

cc: Montana Public Service Commission
USAC High Cost Low Income Division
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

FCC Form 555
November 2012

Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form
All carriers must complete Sections 1, 2, and 3. Carriers must complete Section 4, if applicable.

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

Montana

State

(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each state in which it provides Lifeline service).

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Study Area Code(s) (SAC)

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

ETC Name(s)

Holding Company Name(s)

DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)

Affiliated ETCs (include names and SACs,
attach additional sheets if necessary)

Section 1: *All ETCs (Initial the certification that applies to your ETC. Depending on the state, both certifications may apply).*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a customer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial JPB

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(List the specific SAC(s) for which you are making this certification if it is not applicable to all of your study areas within the state. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

AND/OR

I certify that the company listed above confirms consumer eligibility by relying on _____ prior to enrolling a customer in the Lifeline program. *(Please list the program eligibility data sources, such as ETC access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator and indicate for which qualifying programs (e.g., SNAP, SSI) these sources are used to verify consumer eligibility).* I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial _____

(List the specific SAC(s) for which you are making this certification if it is not applicable to all of your study areas within the state. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

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Section 2: All ETCs (Initial the certification that applies to your ETC, and if applicable, complete columns A through L the tables below. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to re-certify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline customers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all consumers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline, except those subscribers whose eligibility was verified by the company through the use of other sources of eligibility information as well as those subscribers who were re-certified by the state Lifeline administrator. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above.

Initial WFO

A	B
Number of Subscribers Claimed on May FCC Form(s) 497	Number of Lines Claimed on May FCC Form(s) 497 Provided to Wireline Resellers
593	0

C	D	E = C-D	F	G = (E+F)	H
Number of Subscribers ETC Contacted Directly to Recertify Eligibility Through Attestation	Number of Subscribers Responding to ETC Contact	Number of Non-Responding Subscribers	Number of Subscribers Responding That They Are No Longer Eligible	Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
591	365	226	3	229	0

I	J	K	L
Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility was Reviewed By State Administrator or By ETC Access to Eligibility Data	Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility Was Examined by State Administrator or By ETC Access to Eligibility Data and Found to be Ineligible	Number of Customers De-enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of a Finding of Ineligibility	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
0	0	0	0

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OR

I certify that my company did not claim federal Low Income support for any Lifeline customers prior to June ____ (insert current year). I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** _____

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(List the specific SAC(s) for which you are making this certification if it is not applicable to all of your study areas within the state. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

Section 3: All ETCs (Initial the certification below).

I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** SW

Section 4: Non-Usage Applicable to Certain Pre-Paid ETCs (the ETC does not assess or collect a monthly fee from its Lifeline subscribers)(Record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in column N below).

M	N
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Signed, 

Signature of Officer

CFO

Title of Officer

Michelle Wheeler

Person Completing this Certification Form

Theodore P. Otis

Printed Name of Officer

1.18.13

Date

406-541-5131

Contact Phone Number